

November 28, 2012

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: United States Cellular Corporation

WT No 12-69

WT No. 12-268

## Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On November 26, 2012, representatives of U.S. Cellular including Mary Dillon, President and CEO; LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Chairman; Michael Irizarry, Executive Vice President & Chief Technology Officer; and the undersigned, along with Joseph Hanley, Senior Vice President of Technology, Services & Strategy for Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., met with Commissioner Ajit Pai and his Legal Advisor Courtney Reinhard.

During the course of that discussion, we discussed the points summarized in the attached presentation and urged the Commissioner to support an interoperability rule at the January 2013 Open Meeting.

We expressed support for having the Commission take steps to clear broadcasters from Channel 51 but stressed that waiting until the Commission clears Channel 51 in order to achieve interoperability would mean a multi-year delay, perhaps longer, and would result in significant anti-competitive impact on all carriers interested in deploying on the 700 MHz A Block.

We also stressed the need for the Commission to act soon on interoperability before public safety agencies begin to deploy non-interoperable 700 MHz devices and thereby further thwart nationwide public safety interoperability.

Sincerely,

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CCs to:

Hon. Ajit Pai Courtney Reinhard, Esq.